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In re Application of)
Shibin Zhou et al.)
Serial No.)
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For: HUMAN FAST-1 GENE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments before examining the continuation application which is filed concurrently herewith.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, between lines 5 and 6 insert:

--This application is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 09/521,109, which is a divisional of U.S.

Serial No. 09/113,309, filed July 10, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,110,738.--

At page 6, line 18, after "hFAST-1" insert --(SEQ ID NO:2)--.

At page 6, line 19, after "homolog" insert --(SEQ ID NO:19)--.

At page 6, line 20, after "219" insert --(SEQ ID NO:19)--.

At page 6, line 21, after "506" insert --(SEQ ID NO:19)--.

Delete pages 29-41, renumber pages 42-48 as pages 29-35. Add the new Sequence Listing at the end of the application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please delete claims 1-6 and 11-19.

REMARKS

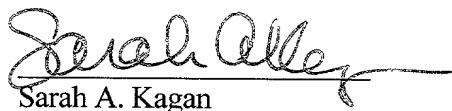
The present application is directed to claims 17-10 and 20-42.

It is believed that no fee is required to make this a complete and timely filing. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

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